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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of Indo-European Union Summit recently held in New Delhi;

(b) the European Union's views regarding international terrorism alongwith related cyber crime and cyber security;

(c) whether it is stressed by both the sides that Pakistan's cooperation with coun tries in the region to eliminate terrorism is needed and expressed their views that per petrators of the November, 2008 Mumbai attacks should be brought to justice expeditiously;

(d) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether it is further felt in the Summit that there is need for negotiations bet ween India and Pakistan to resolve outstanding issues; and

(f) if so, the stand of India for further negotiations with Pakistan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

(a) & (b) The 12th India-EU Summit was held in New Delhi on 10 February 2012. A number of bilateral, regional and multilateral issues of mutual interest were discussed during the Summit.

The following documents were issued/signed at the end of the Summit:

India-EU Joint Statement

India-EU Joint Declaration on Enhanced Cooperation on Energy

Joint Declaration on Research and Innovation Cooperation

MoU between Eurostat and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

During the recently concluded India-EU Summit, the Leaders of India and the EU delegation recalled their Joint Declaration on International Terrorism, adopted at the previous Sum mit in December 2010, and welcomed the holding of the India-EU Joint Working Group on Cou nter Terrorism in New Delhi in January 2012. India and the EU condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and reaffirmed their united stance in combating threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts wherever they may take place. During the recently concluded India-EU Summit, the leaders had expressed satisfaction with bilateral consultations on Cybersecurity and Cybercrime.

(c) The Leaders recalled their view that terrorism cannot be justified on any grounds and stressed that perpetrators of the November 2008 Mumbai attacks should be brought to justice expeditiously.

(d) India has consistently conveyed to Pakistan that it must fulfill its solemn commitment of not allowing territory under its control to be used for terrorism against India in any manner. During the meeting of External Affairs Minister with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan in New Delhi on 27 July 2011, India forcefully conveyed its terrorism related concerns to Pakistan. In the Joint Statement issued after the talks, both sides agreed that terrorism poses a continuing threat to peace and security and reiterated the firm and undiluted commitment of the two countries to fight and eliminate this scourge in all its forms and manifestations and in this regard agreed on the need to strengthen cooperation on counter- terrorism to bring those responsible for terror crimes to justice.

Government of India remains vigilant and takes all necessary steps to meet our legitimate strategic and security requirements.

(e) & (f) India desires peaceful and cooperative relations with Pakistan and is committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan through dialogue in an atmosphere free from terror and violence.